



## WHAT NOW?

*<sup>14</sup> Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table, and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation...” <sup>19</sup> So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it. Mark 16(14-15, 19-20)*

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We continue to celebrate during the time **of** Easter and celebrate all the Jesus’ death gives us ~ Eternal life.

Forty days after Easter is Ascension Day. This year May 9<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day. I hope you are continuing to read through the New Testament. You might notice the familiar number of days: 40! Yes, in some cases 40 is used to be a marker the number of days from Ash Wednesday until Easter (not counting Sundays), number of days Jesus was in the wilderness, God flooded the earth, and now you know the number of days between Easter and Ascension Day.

Again, we know God did not raise Jesus from the dead and take him straight back to heaven and leave us mourning and wondering what happened. God raised Jesus from the dead and allowed Jesus to return to us for 40 days so Jesus could tell us “the rest of the story.” So, you might ask, “what now?”

What now is answered by Jesus in these days following his resurrection. “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation...” As witnesses to the power of God over sin, death, and the devil. We have marching orders! “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation...”



*Sister in Christ,*

**Pastor Gina**

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**The West Metro Pastor’s Association** asks for your help! Mt Hermon helped to financially support the building of a Faith Build in West Columbia. Now they need our gifts of construction and presence. May 9<sup>th</sup> is Ascension Day, and we ask that you help “raise” the roof on a house in West Columbia. We need a total of 15 workers from 8:00 – 11:00 and 15 from Noon until 3:00. Please consider helping on this project and call Pastor Gina or email the office@WeAreMtHermon.com

# AROUND THE MOUNTAIN

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### *Reading through the New Testament in one year:*

5/1	Luke 23:26-56	6/1	John 16: 16-33	7/1	Acts 15:1-21
5/2	Luke 24:1-35	6/2	John 17	7/2	Acts 15:22-41
5/3	Luke 24:36-53	6/3	John 18: 1-18	7/3	Acts 16:1-15
5/4	John 1:1-28	6/4	John 18:19-40	7/4	Acts 16:16-40
5/5	John 1:29-51	6/5	John 19:1-16	7/5	Acts 17:1-15
5/6	John 2	6/6	John 19:16-42	7/6	Acts 17:16-34
5/7	John 3:1-21	6/7	John 20	7/7	Acts 18
5/8	John 3:22-36	6/8	John 21	7/8	Acts 19:1-20
5/9	John 4:1-38	6/9	Acts 1	7/9	Acts 19:21-41
5/10	John 4:39-54	6/10	Acts 2:1-28	7/10	Acts 20:1-12
5/11	John 5:1-15	6/11	Acts 2:29-47	7/11	Acts 20: 13-38
5/12	John 5:16-47	6/12	Acts 3	7/12	Acts 21:1-14
5/13	John 6:1-24	6/13	Acts 4: 1-22	7/13	Acts 21:15-40
5/14	John 6:25-71	6/14	Acts 4:23-37	7/14	Acts 22:1-29
5/15	John 7:1-24	6/15	Acts 5:1-16	7/15	Acts 22:30-23:11
5/16	John 7:25-52	6/16	Acts 5:17-42	7/16	Acts 23:12-35
5/17	John 7:53-8:11	6/17	Acts 6	7/17	Acts 24
5/18	John 8:12-59	6/18	Acts 7:1-29	7/18	Acts 25
5/19	John 9:1-17	6/19	Act 7:30-8:1	7/19	Acts 26:1-18
5/20	John 9:18-41	6/20	Acts 8:1-25	7/20	Acts 26:19-32
5/21	John 10:1-21	6/21	Acts 8:26-40	7/21	Acts 27:1-26
5/22	John 10:22-42	6/22	Acts 9:1-22	7/22	Acts 27:27-44
5/23	John 11:1-44	6/23	Acts 9:23-43	7/23	Acts 28:1-16
5/24	John 11:45-57	6/24	Acts 10:1-33	7/24	Acts 28:17-31
5/25	John 12:1-19	6/25	Acts 10:34-48	7/25	Romans 1:1-17
5/26	John 12:20-50	6/26	Acts 11	7/26	Romans 1:18-32
5/27	John 13:1-17	6/27	Acts 12	7/27	Romans 2
5/28	John 13:18-38	6/28	Acts 13:1-25	7/28	Romans 3:1-20
5/29	John 14	6/29	Acts 13:26-52	7/29	Romans 3:21-31
5/30	John 15	6/30	Acts 14	7/30	Romans 4
5/31	John 16:1-15			7/31	Romans 5

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## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

### Motion from the April Council meeting

There were no motions.

### Congregational Council Minutes March 2024

**ATTENDANCE:** Absent – Danny Scott and Terry Swygert

**CARES AND CONCERNS:** Continue to pray for Gene Scofield who is on hospice and pray for the Busbee family at the loss of Melanie Jackson's mother.

**MEMBER CARE:**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Accepted as presented.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** Minutes for February 2024 were accepted as presented.

**REPORTS:**

- Pastor Gina: Report for March 2024 was submitted.
- Treasurer: Budget Reports for January 2024 and February 2024, and Changes in Equity Reports for January 2024 and February 2024 were submitted.
- Financial Secretary: Funds Report for February 2024 was submitted.
- Executive Committee: None

### Team Reports/Recommendations:

**Team for Ministry:** No report submitted.

**Care:** Written report submitted.

**Outreach:** Written report submitted.

**Support:** Written report submitted. The Support Team recommends a modification to the existing irrigation/sprinkler system to include two (2) new electronic valves and three (3) new sprinkler heads. The funds are to come from the remaining money left in the Landscaping earmarked funds and the rest to come from the Building Improvement fund with the total cost of the project not to exceed \$500. **PASSED unanimously.** Church Council recommends that a letter be sent to Mr. Al Kiser for the purpose of informing him of his obligation to install grave markers for the graves of his parents, Virginia Roof Kiser and Alvin Gennar Kiser, Sr., per the Mt. Hermon Cemetery policy. **PASSED unanimously.**

**Finance:** Written report submitted.

**Teach:** Written report submitted.

**Worship:** Written report submitted.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Personnel – Our church secretary, Denise Wolfe, has resigned effective February 29, 2024. Joel Price, Sr. recommends that a committee be formed to complete exit interviews of past employees since 2019. The individuals to be on the committee are Fran Bouknight, Danny Scott, Frankie Jackson, and Frank Bouknight. Exit interviews are to be completed in person and in confidence and a report be given to Church Council in Executive Session. **DID NOT PASS.** Church Council recommends that Breanna Metze temporarily fill in as church secretary to complete bulletins and other essential tasks and she will be financially compensated based on the rate of \$15 an hour. **PASSED unanimously.**
2. Next Meeting: April 14, 2024, at 11:30am
3. Next Month's Devotions and Lock Up – Cyndi Leaphart

*Sheila Eargle, Council Secretary*

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## ATTENDANCE REPORT

	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Live Streaming</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 31 Easter	173	135	308
April 7	79	205	284
April 14	85	97	182
April 21	99	87	186
April 28	105	98	203

## TREASURER REPORT

<b>YTD April 2024</b>	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Current Mission Plan	\$62,773.35	53,746.91	9,026.44
Building Fund	18,107.00	14,863.44	3,243.56
Bldg Improvement	8,025.00	5,941.63	2,083.37

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



Many thanks to the Mt. Hermon family for all of your prayers, cards, food, and the beautiful peace lily plant. My Gale was a man of great faith and loved hearing about the church and events. He helped me on numerous occasions. Y'all mean so much to me and my family. God Bless You All!  
*Sherwood*

Here is a ministry opportunity for you – and it comes with perks! A corner office, with a view, wonderful conversations, or quiet time as well. Bring a book, your crochet, etc. Flexible hours too. If you are interested, please call or text Sherwood at 803.394.4652. Thank you!

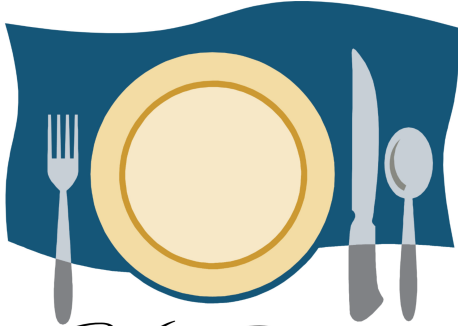


**Ordination of Matt Hansen** will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Christ Chapel on the campus of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Please join in this wonderful celebration for the Church!

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## CARE TEAM HAPPENINGS

The Care Team meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 5:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Allison Swygert, or any team member and attend the next meeting!



*He-Brews  
Dinner*

**He-Brews Event on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

There will be two options this month!

**Option #1: Large Group Event at Frankie and Melanie Jackson's home at 5pm.** – Heavy hors d'oeuvres with wine tasting. Cost is \$25 due by May 19<sup>th</sup>. (Cash, Check, or Venmo to Alyson Price or Allison Swygert)

**Option #2: Regular Small Group Dinner**



Please sign up in the breezeway or use QR code to fill out a Google Form to sign up. Please sign up by May 19<sup>th</sup>

**Coffee Food & Fellowship  
Honoring our Graduates**

**2024**



**If you or a family member is a 2024 graduate, please send a note to the office so that we might honor you on May 19th.**

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## OUTREACH TEAM HAPPENINGS

*The Outreach Team meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:00 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Bonnie Bouknight, Melanie Jackson, or any team member** and attend the next meeting.*



Activities planned are: **Making homeless bags** and distributing them. Visiting nursing homes. Taking cookies to our first responders. **Gift cards** for customers at Aldi. **Quarters and Tide pods** for laundry mats.

If you have any questions, Melanie Jackson or any of the team members can answer questions. We will be getting other information out. Come help Make a Difference!!



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## SUPPORT TEAM

*The Support Team meets on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Ronnie Fulmer**, chairperson, and attend the next meeting.*

The sprinkler system on the front lawn and landscaping has been modified to water the grass and plants.

The cemetery has been sprayed for weeds.

The carpet in the office and Sunday School rooms in the education building are scheduled for cleaning.

## TEACH TEAM

*The Teach Team meets on the third Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact **Mary Koon** or **Cyndi Leaphart** and attend the next meeting!*

### Youth:

Jade Watford, came to speak to the youth about drugs and making good decisions. Youth had a fun night out to visit an escape room and dinner at Rush's.

May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Youth Meeting themed for Cinco De Mayo  
May 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Coffee, Food, and Fellowship following worship to celebrate our graduate, Josh Koon.



VBS Save the date

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

Sign-up sheets will be out soon for volunteers for teaching, snacks, games, etc.

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## WORSHIP TEAM

*The Worship Team meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 11:30 pm in the conference room. If you would like to serve on this team, please contact Wynne Price and attend the next meeting!*



*Mother's Day*  
*Honorariums*  
honor or remember the women in your lives that made you the person you are today. Please place your envelope in the offering plate by May 7th.



## Honoring Our Brave Heroes! Memorial Day

May 27, 2024 6:30 pm

Mt Hermon

3011 Leaphart Rd

West Columbia, SC



Join us for a community memorial service as we remember those who gave their lives for our country. Let us honor their sacrifice and celebrate their legacy together.



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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

May 2024

	5/5/2024	5/12/2024	5/19/2024	5/26/2024
Ushers:	Jamie Addison	Tom Stahl	Ronnie Fulmer	Frank Bouknight
	Randy Clark	David Marsh	Wayne Eargle	Aaron Kinard
Crucifer:	Jake Dugan	Brayden Rutherford	Sam Koon	Tanner Addy
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Dylan Whitaker	Connor Eargle	Jacquelynn Hawlik
Lector:	Frank Bouknight	Danny Scott	Sheila Eargle	Mary Price
Communion Assts:	Jake Dugan	Brayden Rutherford	Sheila Eargle	Wynne Price
	Walker Kinard	Danny Scott	Connor Eargle	Tanner Addy
	Frank Bouknight	Jenny Scott	Sam Koon	Terry Swygert
	Marie Gardner	Marion Leaphart	Hayden Eargle	Allison Swygert
	Elyse Kinard	Cyndi Leaphart	Debbie Fulmer	Mary Price
Nursery:	Noah Swygert	Katie Donaldson	Alyson Price	Charlene Corley
	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson	Brittany Allen	DJ Plummer
Flowers:	C&M Carroll	Hydrick	R&D Fulmer	Kinards

## **SERVING IN MAY**

**COUNCIL MEMBER LOCK-UP:** Jennifer Miller

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jennifer Price

**TABULATORS:** Larry Amick, Angie Hydrick

**USHERS:** Marion Leaphart, Susan Busby, Dennis Thurman

**AUDIO/VIDEO TEAM:** Mike & Leah Rawl

*\* If you are unable to serve, please ask someone to serve in your absence.  
Please also notify the church office of the change.*

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



- ♥ **May 01** Brandon & Katie Donaldson
- May 02** Jenny Scott
- May 04** Michelle Gantt
- May 05** Adam Bryant
- May 06** Ricky Bouknight
- May 09** Sydney Bucknam, Emily Carroll
- ♥ **May 09** Mike & Leah Rawl
- May 10** Devona Price
- May 11** Abbey Carroll
- ♥ **May 11** Dion & Pastor Gina Metze
- May 12** Kenneth Bouknight
- May 16** Kitty Boulware, Lauvenia Butts
- ♥ **May 17** Jeff & Alyson Price
- May 18** Johnny Lewis
- ♥ **May 18** Moises & Emily Arroyo
- May 21** Courtney Bucknam
- May 22** Dylan Mills
- ♥ **May 22** Blake & Lauren Donaldson
- ♥ **May 22** Ronnie & Debbie Fulmer
- May 23** Missy Addy
- May 26** Herb Bucknam, Joel Price, Jr.
- ♥ **May 26** Perry & Trudy Bouknight
- May 27** Patricia Bachman, Kim Rayer
- ♥ **May 29** Robert & Joye Haygood
- May 30** Ryan Price

*Please let the office know if your information is not printed in this listing.*



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## MT HERMON PRAYS

### **Continual Prayers**

Patricia Bachman, *Asbury Arms*  
Dot Mathias, *home*  
Alberta Berry, *home*  
Lauvenia Butts, *Lakeside Place*  
Bobby & Doris Carver, *Presby Home*  
Georgianna Gray, *home*  
James Hallman, *Lakeside Place*  
Marie Kleckley, *Lex Ext Care*  
Gene & Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*  
Gloria Mathias, *home*  
Jean Shealy, *Lakeside Place*  
Tom Roof, *home*  
Cyndi Thurman, *home*  
Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home*

### **Members in Special Need of Prayer**

Bonnie Bouknight  
Easton Donaldson  
Parker Boulware  
Mary Frances Sease  
Chris Carroll  
Jim Whitaker

### **Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayers**

Paula Miller, *friend of Brittany Allen*  
Wayne Kneece, *uncle of Michelle Gantt*  
Derwin Rish, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Jody & Libby Ortmann, *lost their daughter, Sallie, on Christmas Day, Sallie was the "adopted daughter" of Fran Bouknight*  
Roger Spires, *friend of Chris Carroll*  
Quentin Oswalt, *Angie Hydrick's nephew, deploying to Iraq*  
Phil Dennis, *brother of Lavonne Roof*  
Sandra Watson, *aunt of Courtney Bucknam*  
Joyce & Doug Gilbert, *coworkers of Courtney Bucknam*  
Sarah Harmon, *friend of Courtney Bucknam*  
Hannah Pierce, *friend of Jaquelyn Haulik*  
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family, *friends of Debra & Dave Butts*  
Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*  
Wes Hopkins, *nephew of Jennifer Miller*  
Will Pickett, *friend of Jennifer Miller*  
Paul Garner, *friend of Robert Haygood*  
Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn), *friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*  
Jaimie Womack, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Cynthia Mallard, *friend of Sheila Starkey and Beth Jordan*  
Blase Rhine, *grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight*  
Cynthia Rabon, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*  
Connie Furtick, *friend of Kim Fulmer*  
Josh Jackson, *friend of Joel Price, Jr.*  
Brannon Yonce, *friend of Michelle Gantt*  
Katy Madigan, *friend of Marie Carroll*  
Billy Huckabee, *friend of Danny Scott*  
Jamie Spell, *friend of David Marsh*  
Louise Cooper, *Kelli Mills*  
Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*  
John Catoe, *family of the Ellisors*  
Jillian Stover, *friend of Erin Rose*  
Debbie Dearman, *neighbor of Kathy Cooper*  
\*Lillian Chimeal  
\*Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Please note that this prayer list has been updated. If you wish to add someone back to this list, please send an email to [office@WeAreMtHermon.com](mailto:office@WeAreMtHermon.com)

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May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 3:00pm Bible Journaling Study	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>1</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Fran Bouknight, Angie Hydrick, Sherwood Garrett) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Lynn Bouknight, Karen Nicholson)
<b>5</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 3:00pm AR: Bible Journaling Study 3:00pm Confirmation 4:00pm FH: Mike Rawl	<b>6</b> 5:30pm CR: Care Team 6:30pm Team for Ministry	<b>7</b> 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>8</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon Keefe) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>9</b> 8:00am Habitat Faith Build Day 4:00 pm Ordination: Matt Hansen (LTSS)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Lutheran Men & Women	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Executive Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>15</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Diane Boulware, Mary Frances Sease, Parker Boulware) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am Adopt-A-Highway - Meet at church parking lot 9:00am Food Pantry (Kinard Family)
<b>19</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am CFE: Honoring Graduates 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Council Meets 3:00pm Bible Journaling Study 3:00pm Confirmation	<b>20</b> 6:00pm CR: Outreach Team	<b>21</b> 6:00pm CR: Finance Team 6:00pm GR: Grief Support	<b>22</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Debra & David Butts, Andrea Bowers) 12:05pm OneBody Worship 6:30pm Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (DJ Plummer, Youth) 6:00pm Hebrews Dinner #1 \$25 6:00pm Hebrews Option #2
<b>26</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am CR: Worship Team 3:00pm Bible Journaling Study	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 6:30pm Community Memorial Day Worship	<b>28</b> 6:00pm GR: Grief Support 6:30pm CR: Support Team	<b>29</b> 9:00am Food Pantry (Bonnie & Frank Bouknight, Mary Price) 9:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm LIFE Group at Jackson's	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> All Areas: Make A Difference Day 9:00am Food Pantry (Melanie & Frankie Jackson)